

# TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

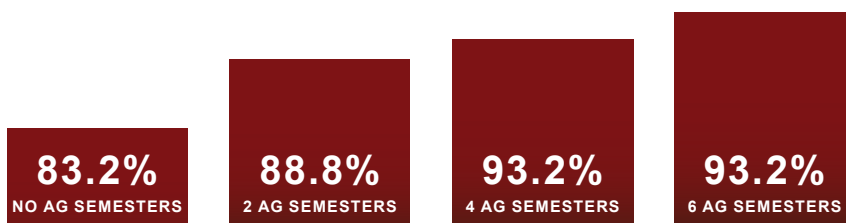
In Texas, there are more than 2,000 hard-working Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources teachers empowering over 160,000 students with a proven competitive edge. Thanks to their dedication the future of Texas students has never been brighter.

The Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas was established to promote and advance agriculture education in Texas and provide legislative representation to safeguard agriculture education programs.

The Association informs agriculture teachers about the latest agricultural education practices, encourages higher standards of teaching agriculture, and provides agriculture education a unified voice in the state legislature.

## RESEARCH SHOWS:

**STUDENTS WITH 2, 4 OR 6 SEMESTERS OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION GRADUATE AT A HIGHER RATE THAN THEIR PEERS.**



- Students involved in just two semesters of agricultural education **graduate at a significantly higher rate.**
- Students who received a Texas FFA scholarship **are more confident in their ability to succeed** in college.
- University leaders **value FFA students** in their recruitment and allocation of scholarships.



### FOOTNOTE

Data Developed by Roger D. Hanagriff, Ph.D., Texas A&M University, Randall Williams, Ph.D., Texas A&M University - Kingsville and Kayla Box, Graduate Student Texas A&M University - Kingsville. Once collected and reviewed, the Foundation board requested an independent – and respected – review of the data to ensure its validity and accuracy. Independent, third-party review conducted by Finis Welch, Ph.D., Emeritus Distinguished Professor of Economics, Texas A&M University; Emeritus Professor of Economics, UCLA